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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

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01 FC:1051 In response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2002, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 17 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 18 as follows:

18. (amended) A method for forming a low dispersion interleaver assembly, the method comprising forming two interleavers, each interleaver defining a stage having three birefringent elements, configured such that light passes sequentially therethrough, each interleaver being formed by selecting first stage phase delays, first stage orientations, second stage phase delays and second stage orientations from a single row of the table: